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Attachments: Reg5 Workshop Flyer 2018.pdf; 2018 VGP consult letter and plan.pdf

FYI – Information that went to the tribes last week.

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As requested. It is the first item under WATER below

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Subject: Upcoming events and other things.

Greetings all:

First off, it was great to see many of you last week up at CSKT. We had some great sessions and Rebecca Roose was very appreciative of the conversations about the GAP. Thank you also for the last session of the meeting. I went away with some good feedback on how we can continue to improve how we work together. If any of you have feedback for me that you didn't raise at the meeting, please contact me. I really want to know your thoughts.

Also, happy belated birthday to Allyson!

There is a lot of info below related to upcoming events. Please keep or pass on as appropriate.

Have a good weekend.

Callie

WATER

EPA's Office of Water (OW) and Region 8 Office of Water Protection are solicitating feedback from tribes to develop a core set of measures for evaluating our programs that monitor, protect, and improve the nation's drinking water and surface water.

The FY 2018-2019 National Water Program Guidance included more than 100 performance measures, and from those OW is working to develop a core set of national measures with the goal of selecting a small and meaningful set of metrics to track progress at the national level. On July 26, 2018, David Ross, Assistant Administrator for OW initiated

consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes to gain input on appropriate core measures. Copies of his letter and materials related to this request are available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking system (TCOTS) at <https://tcots.epa.gov>. Please note that the consultation period is expected to run from July 30, 2018 to August 31, 2018, and there is a national webinar on August 9, 2018 from 12 -1 pm Mountain Time to hear more about this process. Detailed information is available at the link above.

In concert with the federal consultation process, Region 8 is available to provide additional background information and can also take your feedback on the proposed measures. OWP would like to schedule a call or webinar for Thursday, August 23rd from 10 – 11 am Mountain Time to answer any questions and give you an opportunity to provide feedback. More details on the call to come. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Darcy O'Connor, Assistant Regional Administrator for the Office of Water Protection, at 303-312-6392 or occonnor.darcy@epa.gov. Darcy will be providing call or webinar information directly to you in the near future.

Save the Date: 2018 Clean Water Act NPDES National Technical Inspector Workshop

The 2018 CWA NPDES National Technical Inspector Workshop will be held December 3 – 7, 2018 at EPA's Region 5 office in Chicago. Please see the attached Save the Date Flyer for hotel and EPA conference code information. Please make your travel plans now! A formal announcement memo with specific registration information will be distributed in the next few weeks. Space is limited, but please consider forwarding this training information to your state, local, and tribal counterparts.

Tribal Consultation Opportunity: NPDES Vessel General Permit

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on proposed revisions and renewal of the Vessel General Permit (VGP). The VGP, issued by EPA under section 402 of the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program, applies generally to 27 different types of incidental discharges into waters of the United States from commercial vessels greater than 79 feet in length. Some of the most significant types of discharges covered under the permit include ballast water, bilgewater, graywater, and deck washdown or runoff.

The tribal consultation letter and consultation and coordination plan are attached for reference. These consultation materials are also available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) website located at: <https://tcots.epa.gov>.

EPA is holding an informational webinar for tribal governments on the renewal of the VGP on **August 21, 2018, from 2:30-4:30 PM Eastern Time**. The webinar will provide an overview of EPA's VGP and the permit renewal process, and EPA staff will be available to answer any questions that participants may have about this action. To attend the webinar, please use the following link: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/tribalconsult2018vgp/>. Tribes will have until September 28, 2018, to provide comment on this action. For more information on EPA's Vessel General Permit, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/vessels-vgp>.

EPA and Army Issue Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Seeking Additional Public Comment on 'Waters of the U.S.' Repeal. Deadline to Provide Comment is August 13, 2018.

On June 29, 2018, the EPA and Army issued a supplemental proposal to the July 2017 proposed action to repeal the 2015 definition of "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS). The proposal specifically requests comment on the legal basis of the 2015 WOTUS rule, which the agencies believe has led to uncertainty and confusion across the country. During last summer's public comment period, the EPA and the Army heard from hundreds of thousands of stakeholders about the proposal to repeal the 2015 definition of WOTUS. After reviewing this input, the agencies are issuing a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking to clarify that the agencies are proposing to permanently repeal the 2015 rule in its entirety. As part of the initial proposal, the EPA and the Army indicated their intent to recodify the pre-2015 regulations—a longstanding regulatory framework that is currently being administered by the agencies—to keep them in place until the agencies finalize a new definition of WOTUS. The deadline for public comment on the supplemental

notice of proposed rulemakings is Monday, August 13, 2018. Written comments can be submitted to [Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203](#) on the Federal eRulemaking Portal. For more information on this action, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/supplemental-notice-definition-waters-united-states-recodification-preexisting-rule>. For questions, please contact: CWAwotus@epa.gov. For the latest on the WOTUS rulemaking, please visit: www.epa.gov/wotus-rule.

15th Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop: Small Systems Challenges and Solutions Scheduled for August 28-30 in Convington, Kentucky.

This free annual workshop—organized and sponsored by EPA's Office of Research and Development and Office of Water, in partnership with the [Association of State Drinking Water Administrators \(ASDWA\)](#)—will provide in-depth information and training on various solutions and strategies for handling small drinking water system challenges. The workshop is primarily designed for state personnel responsible for drinking water regulations compliance and treatment technologies permitting; however, others may also benefit, including: system owners and operators, local and tribal government personnel, academics, design engineers, technical assistance providers, and consultants. For more information and to register: <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/15th-annual-epa-drinking-water-workshop-small-systems-challenges-and-solutions>.

EE2018—the 2018 E-Enterprise National Meeting is Scheduled for October 23-25, 2018, in Addison, Texas. Register Today.

EE2018 provides regulators from states, tribes, territories, localities, and U.S. EPA an opportunity to connect, collaborate, and learn more about the innovative work happening across the environmental protection enterprise. Attendees are typically agency managers, program experts, and information technology professionals, but anyone with an interest in building modern and more effective approaches to environmental protection is welcome. The meeting's goal is to promote integrated conversations at the intersection of process improvement, policy modernization, advanced technology, and data management. The 2018 E-Enterprise National Meeting is scheduled for October 23-25, 2018 in Addison, Texas. For information and to register, please: <https://www.ee2018.net/>. Please note that the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is offering a limited number of partial travel scholarships for tribal staff to attend this event. Please submit requests no later than August 31, 2018 using this online form: <https://goo.gl/mSivH7>.

E-Enterprise for the Environment Announces Launch of E-Enterprise Community Inventory Platform (EECIP). Join Today.

The EECIP (<https://www.eecip.net/>) is an online community and living project database for state, tribal and, local environmental agencies across the United States. The platform currently contains 2,000 projects and enterprise services spanning a broad range of topics including IT, process improvement, advanced monitoring, and Exchange Network grant project information. By joining EECIP, you can:

- Add your agency's projects. Projects posted can be under consideration, under development, or finalized.
- View partner agencies' projects, enterprise services and other information.
- Find potential collaborators for Exchange Network Partnership and other grant programs.
- Get ideas for shared services and find example RFPs, position descriptions, and other types of documents.
- Build community by participating in discussion threads to get answers and connect with peers.
- Customize content displays based on your interests.

If you don't have an account yet, you can register with your .gov email address. Most tribal email extensions have been added into the platform, and new ones are being added as we become aware of them. The attached flyer that provides some high-level information about the platform. Please feel free to reach out to Owen McAleer at ECOS – omcaleer@ecos.org, or use the support email, support@eecip.net with any questions you might have or if you need technical help.

Office of Land and Emergency Response

Emergency Response -

1. **Tribal Emergency Response: Working Effectively with Response Agencies as First Responders course** - ITEP is excited to be offering a brand new course in collaboration with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, and US EPA Region 7. This course will take place in White Cloud, Kansas, October 9-12, 2018. As part of this course we will foster partnerships at all levels of government, and with nongovernmental organizations and the private sector to prepare for a unified response to disasters and emergencies. We have numerous presenters lined up who have worked in many different capacities of emergency response and management. This course will strengthen tribal capacity in emergency response situations by providing the foundation for tribes to determine their role in the Incident Command System. **It will provide hands-on experience with various emergency response situations** for each tribal participant to be an effective liaison and an advocate for preventing and responding to emergencies in their community. Additionally, this course will provide participants with an awareness level of training needed to act as first responders to various incidents covered within the course. The course will be limited to twenty-five participants. **Preference will be given to employees of federally-recognized tribes in Region 7 that apply prior to the August 31, 2018.** Employees of tribes in other regions will be accepted if space is available. A notice of confirmation and fact sheet with additional course details will be sent to those who are selected to attend the course. The application "Form" for this course is available at http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste. Please send your completed applications back to jennifer.williams@nau.edu no later than August 31, 2018.
2. **Vacatur Response: CERCLA/EPCRA Administrative Reporting Exemption for Air Releases of Hazardous Substance from Animal Waste at Farms; FARM Act Amendments to CERCLA Release Notification Requirements** - On 1 August 2018, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a final rule revising regulations promulgated under CERCLA/EPCRA. EPA is removing regulatory provisions associated with the administrative reporting exemption that was applied to air releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at farms. These revisions implement the vacatur of the CERCLA and EPCRA administrative reporting exemption regulations ordered by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on 11 April 2017, with a final mandate issued on 2 May 2018. This rule also incorporates CERCLA revisions enacted by the Fair Agricultural Reporting Method (FARM) Act, signed into law by the President on 23 March 2018, which exempts reporting of air emissions from animal waste under CERCLA. Read the final rule: Vacatur Response: [CERCLA/EPCRA Administrative Reporting Exemption for Air Releases of Hazardous Substance from Animal Waste at Farms; FARM Act Amendments to CERCLA Release Notification Requirements](https://www.epa.gov/epcra/cercla-and-epcra-reporting-requirements-air-releases-hazardous-substances-animal-waste-farms). For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra/cercla-and-epcra-reporting-requirements-air-releases-hazardous-substances-animal-waste-farms>.
3. **National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) Annual Workshop and Training, 16 to 18 October 2018, Houston, TX** - NASTTPO is comprised of members from SERCs, TERCs, LEPCs, federal agencies, private industry, and tribal/state/local government employees who are involved in emergency planning and response. Registration is now open. For more information: <http://nasttpo.com>
4. **CAMEO Chemicals 2.7.1 Released** - What's new in [CAMEO Chemicals 2.7.1](#)?
 - a. Added Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Process Safety Management (PSM) levels in regulatory section of chemical datasheets.
 - b. Modified Advanced Search includes new OSHA PSM data.
 - c. Updated data, including new Hazmat Table (49 CFR 172.101) values, new DuPont Tychem suit fabric information, and updated chemical reactivity information.
 - d. Added to mobile app:
 - i. Advanced Search. Search more fields, new search operators, and search multiple fields at one time. (Available in other CAMEO Chemicals formats.)
 - ii. Option to import MyChemicals text file. (Available in other CAMEO Chemicals formats.)
 - iii. View history feature: Use this menu item to quickly return to any datasheet that you viewed during the session. (Only available in CAMEO Chemicals app format.)
 - iv. Added support for multi-tasking for mobile app on iOS tablets. (Available on Android version of app.)
 - e. Is your software up-to-date? The latest versions of the [CAMEO software suite](#) are ALOHA 5.4.7, CAMEO Chemicals 2.7.1, CAMEOfm 3.4.2, MARPLOT 5.1.1, and Tier2 Submit 2017 "rev 2".

- i. Note: If you have an older CAMEO Chemicals version installed on your desktop computer, the auto-update feature may tell you that a new version is available to download and replace your current version. Due to a one-time code upgrade related to Sierra/High Sierra operating systems improvements, the auto-update feature will not work on older Mac versions. All Mac users (and some Windows users with older versions of CAMEO Chemicals) can use this [download link](#) to manually install the 2.7.1 desktop version, rather than using the auto-update method.
5. **Notice of Data Availability and Extension of Comment Period for RMP Reconsideration Rule** - On July 18, 2018, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Director of the Office of Emergency Management signed a notice that EPA is supplementing the record for the proposed Risk Management Program (RMP) Reconsideration Rule, published on May 30, 2018. The rulemaking docket now includes the [November 2017 version](#) of the RMP database containing risk management plans (excluding offsite consequence analysis data) submitted to EPA. The database file is too large to be provided online through regulations.gov. To view or receive a copy of the database disc, contact the EPA Docket Center, Public Reading Room: In person/writing: Environmental Protection Agency, Docket Center 1301 Constitution Ave NW, 2822T, Room 3334 Washington, DC 20004. Telephone: 202-566-1744. Fax: 202-566-9744. Email: docket-customerservice@epa.gov. EPA used this database version to support analysis of changes in the RMP reporting facility universe discussed in the Regulatory Impact Analysis of the Proposed Reconsideration Rule. To provide opportunity for public comment on the updated RMP database and its impacts on the proposed rule, EPA is extending the comment period. Comments on the Proposed Reconsideration Rule will be due 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*. Read the pre-publication notice: <https://www.epa.gov/rmp/pre-publication-copy-notice-data-availability-proposed-rmp-reconsideration-rule>. The pre-publication version will be replaced once the official version is published in the *Federal Register*. Read the history of the RMP Amendments Rule: <https://www.epa.gov/rmp/final-amendments-risk-management-program-rmp-rule>. For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/rmp/proposed-risk-management-program-rmp-reconsideration-rule>

Superfund -

6. **Superfund Task Force Recommendations 2018 Update.** The Superfund Task Force was commissioned on May 22, 2017 to provide recommendations on how EPA could streamline and improve the Superfund program. On July 25, 2017, EPA issued the Superfund Task Force Report, which included 42 recommendations in five goal areas. The 2018 Superfund Task Force Report highlights the numerous accomplishments achieved by the hard-working EPA staff who planned and implemented specific actions to expedite reduction of risks to human health and the environment and to accelerate the reuse of properties affected by hazardous substance contamination. In addition to highlighting the accomplishments of the 2018 efforts, the report outlines next steps for the recommendations that remain open. The ongoing recommendations, to be completed by September 2019, demonstrate a continued commitment by EPA to engage partners and stakeholders at all levels in making cleanup and land revitalization decisions that will provide future generations with a cleaner and healthier environment. View or download at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-task-force-recommendations-2018-update>.
7. **Superfund Research Program Multiproject Center Grants (P42).** The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is announcing the continuation of the Superfund Research Program (SRP) Centers. This program supports coordinated, multiproject, multi- and interdisciplinary Centers that address the broad, complex health and environmental issues that arise from hazardous waste sites. SRP Center grants support problem-based, solution-oriented research Centers that consist of multiple, integrated projects representing the biomedical and environmental science and engineering disciplines. The Center cores also are tasked with administrative, community engagement, research translation, research support, and training functions. Per NIEHS legislative authority, only Higher Education Institutions may apply. Letters of intent are due by November 19, 2018, and applications are due by December 19, 2018. For more information and application instructions, see <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-18-002.html>.
8. **Superfund Redevelopment Initiative Series: Superfund and Cultural Competence - Building a Foundation for Effective Community Engagement - August 2, 2018, 2:00PM-3:30PM EDT (18:00-19:30 GMT).** EPA staff interact with impacted communities across the country. These communities may represent a broad range of cultures, including cultures based in race/ethnicity, class, place and other forms of identity. Each EPA site team may also represent a diverse range of cultural perspectives, skill sets and differing professional cultures. This webinar will

show how understanding cultural competence skills and tools can help people connect across difference or perceived difference and work together more effectively. This webinar will deepen participants' understanding of what culture is and how it impacts Superfund work, and demonstrate through a series of case studies how becoming culturally competent can improve remedial outcomes, prepare job trainees for successfully entering the workforce, and improve dynamics of remedial teams whose members have different areas of expertise. The Superfund Redevelopment Initiative is hosting this webinar and is happy to answer any follow up questions about the webinar from the press or other interested parties. For more information and to register, see <https://clu-in.org/live>.

9. **Military Munitions Support Services AGC QA Seeding- August 15, 2018, 1:00PM-4:00PM EDT (17:00-21:00 GMT).** Contractor performance metrics are measured by two blind seeding systems on Munitions Response (MR) projects - Quality Assurance and Quality Control. Quality Assurance (QA) seeding is the primary quality system used by the Government to independently check the Contractor's performance at MR sites. QA seeding consists of Government personnel (or a third-party QA Contractor) burying blind seeds at depths and in locations that allow for easy detection. Whereas the Quality Control (QC) seeding is implemented by the Contractor to continually test the depth of detection of their instruments and verify coverage. While QC seeding is generally a larger program with a higher density and variety of blind seeds, it is operated by the Contractor and can present a potential conflict of interest of performance by either not having or not abiding by a firewall plan. Outside of the initial input into the development of the UFP- or AGC-QAPP, the QC seeding program is reported to the Government and taken at face value. The Range Support Center has several challenging projects that overcame significant hurdles to their quality systems, both QA and QC. This M2S2 webinar will present project case studies and introduces a new template for use in scoping a QA seeding program. For more information and to register, see <http://www.itrcweb.org> or <http://clu-in.org/live>.

Other EPA Program Areas -

1. **Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series - Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET.** For more information, click here! The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is hosting a FREE Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series for Tribes, Tribal Organizations, Indian Health, Tribal and Urban Indian Health Programs. Learn about the federal grant application process, how to write better grant proposals and evaluation plans for your projects, strategies for successful grant management, and more. Participants will also have the opportunity to connect with HRSA subject matter experts, grant reviewers, as well as peers to discuss best practices and barriers to successful grants application and management. Webinars will be held the **second Wednesday of every month from 1:00pm to 2:30pm ET** - view the list of topics below:
 - May 9: Writing a Competitive Grant Application
 - June 13: Applying for a HRSA Grant
 - July 11: Writing a Successful Evaluation Plan for Your Grant Application
 - August 8: Preparing a Budget for your Grant Proposal
 - September 12: Effective Grants Management/Administration & Reporting
 - October 10: Successful HRSA Tribal Grantees

You must register to access the recording. Register here:

https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/federal_grant_application_recording/event/registration.html. For more information, please contact Nancy Rios at nrios@hrsa.gov.

2. **National Academies' Gulf Research Program Announces \$10 Million Grant Opportunity for Enhancing Coastal Community Resilience in the Gulf of Mexico Region -**
<http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=07252018>. The Gulf Research Program (GRP) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine today announced a new grant opportunity focused on enhancing coastal community resilience and well-being in the Gulf of Mexico region. The GRP intends to award up to \$10 million to projects bringing together researchers and practitioners to collaborate on efforts that increase understanding of how community attributes and systems affect resilience and provide actionable information that can be used to implement policies and practices to enhance resilience. This new funding opportunity builds on previous GRP funding intended to bridge the gap between the knowledge and practice of community resilience, including \$10.8 million in grants awarded in 2017 in collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on the same topic. This opportunity aims to continue to advance information exchange and collaboration between researchers and those who seek to implement

policies and practices to enhance the resilience of their communities. Applications for this funding opportunity have two stages. A required letter of intent is due Sept. 19, 2018, by 5 p.m. EDT. For those who submit a letter of intent, a full proposal is then due by Nov. 28, 2018, by 5 p.m. EDT. Awards will be made to projects lasting up to 36 months. Announcement of the awards is expected in the spring or summer of 2019. For more information about this opportunity, how to apply, and past GRP grants awarded on this topic, visit www.nas.edu/gulf/grants.